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Group Art Unit	2764
Examiner Name	N. Nguyen
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Re: U.S. Patent Application
PREPAID CASH EQUIVALENT CARD AND SYSTEM
Docket No.: 700-1537

Dear David and Michael:

I understand from Joe Rosenbaum that the bills outstanding for the above-identified patent application remain unpaid for a substantial amount of time. Therefore, I will now file papers with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to withdraw from our representation of you with regard to this case.

You should note that in order to avoid prejudice to your application, we have filed a continuation application based on your original ("parent") application. The continuation application, which is Serial No. 09/765,244, will benefit from the filing date of the parent application, which is October 28, 1999. Filing of the continuation application was necessary since the deadline for filing a response to the Office action in the parent case was about to expire on January 19, 2001, and we had not resolved the billing issues at that time.

We therefore will now withdraw as attorney of record in your patent application serial no. 09/765,244. Although there is no Office action outstanding in this case, you will receive one in due course and we suggest that you retain new patent counsel to respond accordingly.

Very truly yours,


Anthony R. Barkume

Cc: Joseph Rosenbaum, Esq.

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